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**A local physician assistant pleads guilty to making
false statements to Medicare regarding his criminal history**

Washington, D.C. - A local physician assistant has pled guilty to making false statements regarding his criminal background in a application to Medicare to become a Medicare provider, announced United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein, Joseph Persichini, Jr., Acting Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, D.C. Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby, and Regional Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Health and Human Services Patrick J. Doyle.

Larry J. Solomon, 52, of Old Prospect Hill Road, Glen Dale, Maryland, pled guilty today in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Richard W. Roberts to false statements in regard to health care in the District of Columbia.

Solomon, who is scheduled to be sentenced on May 5, 2006, faces a maximum sentence of five years of incarceration.

According to the statement of offense agreed to by Solomon and the government, between February 2001 and May 2005, Solomon was a physician assistant who provided services in the District of Columbia. BPS Medical and Rehabilitation, P.L.L.C. ("BPS Medical") was incorporated in the District of Columbia. Among other services, BPS Medical provided health care to the public through home visits to senior citizens living in private and public residential buildings throughout the District of Columbia. BPS Medical and Solomon participated in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Both Medicare and Medicaid are "health care benefit programs" as

defined in 18 U.S.C. Section 24(b).

On or about May 31, 2002, Solomon knowingly stated in his application to Medicare for BPS Medical to become an authorized Medicare provider that he had no adverse legal history. This was a materially false statement because, in fact, Solomon had been convicted of Medicaid fraud in the state of Maryland on or about October 24, 1988, for submitting claims for dates on which no services were provided and for failing to be directly supervised by a physician as required.

In announcing today's guilty plea, United States Attorney Wainstein, Acting Assistant Director in Charge Persichini, D.C. Inspector General Willoughby, and Regional Special Agent in Charge Doyle praised the joint investigative efforts of the lead investigators: Special Agents Sherri Queener and Leah Nemetz of the Federal Bureau of Investigation - D.C. Healthcare Fraud Squad, Special Agent Sandra Adams of the District of Columbia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and Special Agents Bobby Hyland and Cindy Sheedy of the Department of Health and Human Services. They also thanked Assistant United States Attorneys Kim Herd and Thomas Zeno, who are prosecuting the case, and Legal Assistant Lisa Robinson, who provided substantial assistance to the prosecution team.

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